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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	:	VIOLATIONS:
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GERALD J. LAUGHLIN, doing business as LAUGHLIN, INC. 7 Woodside Lane Riverton, NJ 08077	:	Sections 611-A(20) and 696-A of Act 147 of 2002 (40 P.S. §§ 310.11 and 310.96)
	:	
Respondent.	:	Docket No. CO07-08-019

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 14th day of November, 2007, this Order is hereby issued by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

1. Respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that he has received proper notice of his rights to a formal administrative hearing pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. § 101, et seq., or other applicable law.

2. Respondent hereby waives all rights to a formal administrative hearing in this matter, and agrees that this Consent Order, and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, shall have the full force and effect of an Order duly entered in accordance with the adjudicatory procedures set forth in the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other applicable law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

3. The Insurance Department finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:

(a) Respondent is Gerald J. Laughlin, maintains his residence at 7 Woodside Lane, Riverton, New Jersey 08077, and does business as Laughlin, Inc. with a business address of 4609 Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124.

(b) At all relevant times herein, Respondent has been a licensed non-resident insurance producer in Pennsylvania.

(c) On March 17, 2006, insured New Creation Bible Class requested that Respondent's employee Thomas J. Kelly, cancel its policy 70APN3343320 written by National Indemnity Insurance Company, Omaha, Nebraska, which cancellation was effectuated.

(d) New Creation Bible Class was due back unearned premium paid for the above policy, totaling $8,269.40.

(e) On July 10, 2006, Respondent issued refund check #2944 for $7,085.70 to the insured, which was returned for insufficient funds.

(f) On October 23, 2006, Respondent re-issued a refund check #120 for $7,085.70 to the insured, which was also returned for insufficient funds.

(g) On February 20, 2007, Respondent issued a Certified Cashier's Check #103122442 to the insured for $7,022.00.

(h) On March 15, 2007, Respondent issued a final refund check #5485 to the insured in the amount of $1,247.40.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Insurance Department concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:

(a) Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

(b) Section 611-A(20) of Act 147 of 2002 prohibits a licensee from demonstrating a lack of general fitness, competence or reliability sufficient to satisfy the department that the licensee is worthy of licensure (40 P.S. § 310.11).

(c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(e) through 3(h) violate Section 611-A(20) of Act 147 of 2002.

(d) Section 696-A of Act 147 of 2002 requires every insurance producer to be responsible in a fiduciary capacity for all funds received or collected as an insurance agent or broker (40 P.S. § 310.96).

(e) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(e) through 3(h) constitute a violation of acting in a responsible fiduciary capacity when handling funds received or collected as a producer and violates Section 696-A of Act 147 of 2002 .

(f) Respondent's violations of Sections 611-A(20) and 696-A of Act 147 of 2002 are punishable by the following, under Section 691-A of Act 147 of 2002 (40 P.S. § 310.91):

(i) suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the certificate of qualification or license;

(ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) for each violation of the Act;

(iii) an order to cease and desist; and

(iv) any other conditions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

ORDER

5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Insurance Department orders and Respondent consents to the following:

(a) Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

(b) Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000.00) to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Payment of this penalty shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Payment should be directed to Sharon L. Fraser, Office Manager, Bureau of Enforcement, 1227 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. Payment may be enclosed with the Consent Order, but must be paid in any event no later than ninety (90) days after the date of the Consent Order.

(c) Respondent's certificates and licenses may be immediately suspended by the Department following its investigation and determination that (i) any terms of this Order have not been complied with, or (ii) any complaint against Respondent is accurate and a statute or regulation has been violated. The Department's right to act under this section is limited to a period of five (5) years from the date of this Order.

(d) Respondent specifically waives his right to prior notice of said suspension, but will be entitled to a hearing upon written request received by the Department no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Department mailed to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, notification of said suspension, which hearing shall be scheduled for a date within sixty (60) days of the Department's receipt of Respondent's written request.

(e) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 5(d) of this Order, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating that he is worthy of a license.

(f) In the event Respondent's certificates and licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(c) above, and Respondent either fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate that he is worthy of a license, Respondent's suspended certificates and licenses shall be revoked.

6. In the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, the Department may pursue any and all legal remedies available, including but not limited to the following: The Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in an administrative action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law; or, if applicable, the

Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in any other court of law or equity having jurisdiction.

7. Alternatively, in the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Department may declare this Order to be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law.

8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

9. Respondent hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.

10. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.

11. This Order shall be final upon execution by the Insurance Department. Only the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect to the settlement of the alleged violations of law

contained herein, and this Consent Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee.

BY: _____
GERALD J. LAUGHLIN, doing business as
LAUGHLIN, INC., Respondent

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
By: Randolph L. Rohrbaugh
Deputy Insurance Commissioner